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Serial No.: 08/824,633

Examiner: Rachuba, M.

Filed: 03/27/97

Art Unit: 3724

For: A CUSTOMIZED POLISHING PAD FOR SELECTIVE PROCESS PERFORMANCE DURING CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for the above identified patent application:
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Transmitted herewith are sheets of substitute formal drawings.
Other:

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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Fee Calculation

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	21	- 21 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	- 5 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$260.00	\$0.00
Total Fees					\$0.00

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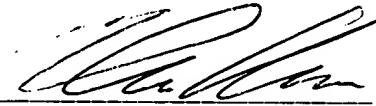
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/05/01, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows and consider the following remarks:

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IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please amend the claims as follows:~~

20. (Amended) A process specific polishing pad having a plurality of regions configured to achieve specific polishing process effects when used in a wafer polishing machine, the process specific polishing pad comprising:

~~a polishing pad having an overlying layer, said overlying layer being uniform and homogenous across a polishing surface of said overlying layer, said polishing surface adapted to frictionally contact a wafer as said wafer is polished in said wafer polishing machine; and~~

~~said polishing surface having a plurality of regions, each of said plurality of regions configured to achieve a specific WIW or WID process effect such~~